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**Exhibit 20**

Aida Ten  
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Boston University School of Law  
765 Commonwealth Avenue  
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Re: JD992 Managed Care and the Law, Spring 2003

Dear Ms. Ten:

I received notice that the Judicial Committee determined that Layla Kiani was guilty of violating Article II.2.c of the School of Law Disciplinary Regulations by committing plagiarism. Unfortunately, that notice did not reach me until after December 5, 2003. If it remains possible to change the grade for Ms. Kiani, I wish to do so.

I base grades in the seminar on a student's performance in writing two original papers and class participation. I originally submitted a grade of D for Ms. Kiani, based on my suspicion that Ms. Kiani's seminar papers contained plagiarized material, but that she had read the required readings and attempted to participate positively in class, even though her participation did not demonstrate mastery of the legal principles under discussion.

Taking into account the Judicial Committee's report and determination, I cannot justify any grade other than F. Therefore, I wish to replace Ms. Kiani's grade with an F.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy K. Mariner".

Wendy K. Mariner

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